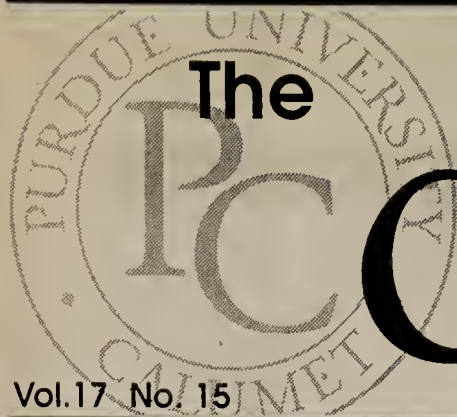




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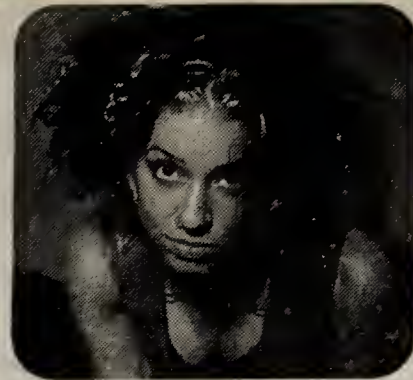
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University fuels hurricane relief

5,000 pounds of clothing, \$300 raised by the Student Government for Hurricane Mitch victims

KATHY REYNA
Staff Writer

Think about what would happen if our country was hit by a natural disaster and all our food, clothing, shelter and even families were destroyed.

Raymond Fletcher, a former student of PUC, has thought about these facts a lot. That's why he was the one to get the project on Hurricane Mitch started. With Fletcher's idea, PUC's Student Government took on the project.

It was difficult to get this project started because PUC has really never done anything like this before, according to Kathleen Tobin, professor of Latin American and world history. There was a lot of paper work, and two weeks into the pro-

ject drop boxes hadn't even been put up.

"These types of things which involve helping those in need should be done as easy as any other projects," Tobin said.

The project started two weeks before Thanksgiving and ended Dec. 18, resulted in about 5,000 pounds of clothing and \$300 in a disaster relief fund for hurricane victims. Dr. Tracy Cooley, a local veterinarian, donated \$200 worth of antibiotics, and other medications. He also gave a monetary donation.

Other donations came from a number of faculty, staff and anonymous donors. "Students need to become more aware of their responsibilities as citizens to give to the communities and to the world, hopefully this will be easier in the

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Photo provided by University Relations

Students Rita Harper and Brea Gates of the Letter Club, Professor Kathleen Tobin, and Letter Club sponsor and athletic secretary Martha Lowry help the Student Government collect clothing and money for the hurricane victims.

Cleaning up after the storm

Maintenance hauls away the excess snow left by the Great Snow of '99. The snowstorm has made leaving the house a virtual nightmare for some people.

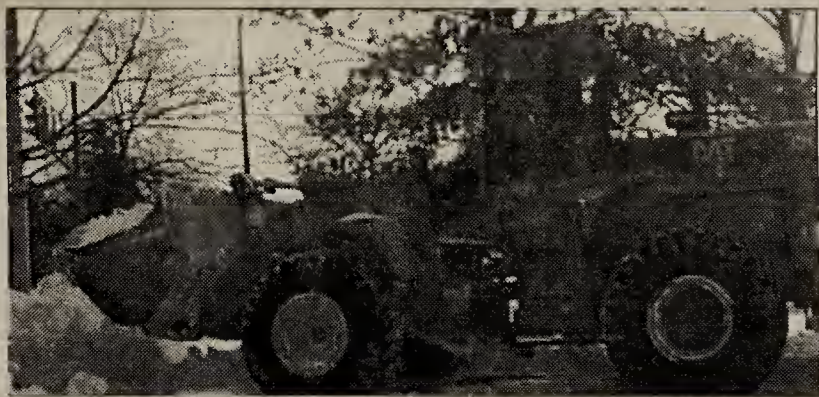


Photo by Lauren Mathews

Technology makes it easier for professors to catch plagiarism

COLLEGE PRESS EXCHANGE

SEATTLE - The college term paper about Bill Gates seemed too smooth, too refined for an undergraduate. There was also that little detail about Gates' age being off by two years, which hinted of staleness.

So George Dyson, who teaches history of technology at Western Washington University, put the student paper to the test. He took one phrase that seemed particularly distinct - "his brilliance and remorseless desire to succeed" - and entered it in an Internet search engine.

He found a 2-year-old paper from

the Web site of a computer-science class at the University of Michigan.

"The wording hadn't even been changed," Dyson said. "It really was no mystery to solve."

The practice of plagiarism may not have changed much from the days when frat houses kept bins of old papers for members to "recycle," but the tools students use to cheat

have changed - and so have the tools teachers use to catch them.

Computers let students quickly copy and combine material from others and pass it as their own, and

the Internet gives a wider selection, through class Web sites, bulletin boards and free clearinghouses such as <http://www.schoolsucks.com>

The Internet also gives commercial vendors a better way to hawk archived or custom-written papers (sold as "study aids" or "reference materials"), charging \$20 a page or higher. Previously, these services advertised through kiosk flyers or ads in the back of magazines.

"When the world becomes your oyster, there are so many more opportunities to access information, and there are more opportunities to cheat," said Gus Kravas, vice provost for student affairs at Washington State University. "We've had to become more vigilant."

The University of Washington has recorded eight cases of plagia-

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New course puts focus on editing skills

KIM KINTZ
News Editor

So you've taken some writing classes and wondering what to do now.

Well, with the addition of a News Editing course you can finally apply what you learned by editing other's copy.

News Editing, COM 305, is a new course for the communications department this spring semester. It allows students to focus more on editing than they can in COM 255 (Introduction to News Writing and Editing).

According to William Robinson, of the communication and creative arts department, "We recognized news writing and editing (as one course) was insufficient. So essentially we made one course into three giving students a chance to be more competitive in the field of journalism."



Dave Fanno

Dave Fanno, advisor to the PUC Chronicle and graduate student in the communications department, will be teaching the News Editing course. Fanno has been a part of the journalism field in Northwest Indiana and Illinois for the past 12 years and obtained his bachelor's degree in Radio and Television here at PUC.

He said, "I feel very proud to teach a course dealing with journalism." Fanno was the director of Public Relations for Education Service Network that served Grundy, Kendall, and Will Counties. Also he was a sportswriter for the Post Tribune and the Star newspaper. Fanno hopes that students who take this class, "will be able to dissect writing samples and improve their own skills."

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ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Whether to suspend classes because of extreme weather...

When extreme weather conditions and/or other sudden, unusual or unexpected circumstances occur, necessitating a decision to suspend classes and/or other campus operations, the decision to do so will be made by the Chancellor, in consultation with the Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services.

That decision will be communicated in the following manner:

1 PRIOR TO THE START OF THE CAMPUS DAY...

to the news media by 5 a.m.

PRIOR TO THE START OF EVENING CLASSES...

to the news media by 3 p.m.

2 EITHER of the following announcements will be made to local radio stations and Chicago television for ASAP broadcast RE: the status of operations at Purdue Calumet that day:

"CLASSES ARE SUSPENDED"

(This means that all classes scheduled to meet that particular day at on- and off-campus sites have been canceled, but university offices, departments and services remain open.)

or

"THE UNIVERSITY IS CLOSED"

(This means that all on- and off-campus functions, services, programs and activities have been suspended that day. The campus will be considered closed to all persons except those assisting in emergency/urgent operations.)

3 The announcement will be communicated for broadcast on these radio stations...

- * Hammond station WJOB (1230-am)
- * Hammond/Merrillville WZVN (107.1-fm)
- * Hammond station WXR (103.9-fm)
- * Gary station WLTH (1370-am)
- * Valparaiso station WAKE (1500-am/105.5-fm)
- * Michigan City station WIMS (1420-am)
- * Michigan City station WEFM (95.9-fm)
- * LaPorte station WLOI (1540-am)
- * Chicago stations: WMAQ (670-am), WBBM (780-am), WGN (720-am)

and these Chicago television stations...

- * WBBM-TV/Channel 2
- * WGN-TV/Channel 9 (Morning News)
- * WFLD-TV/Channel 32
- * CLTV News

4 Additionally, the voice mail greeting of the campus Switchboard (219/989-2993) and Information Center (219/989-2400) will convey the message.

5 Emergency closing information relating to the Chicagoland area also can be obtained by phoning

1-900-407-SNOW from a touch-tone phone.

NOTE: there is a 95 cents per minute charge.

6 Also, an announcement will be carried on the home page at Purdue Calumet's web site: www.calumet.purdue.edu

7 If you are on campus when a decision is made to suspend classes or close the campus, it will be announced:

- * on both outdoor, electronic message boards—(south side of Student Faculty Library Center and north side of the Gyte Science Building annex), and

- * via announcements affixed to building doors

If no such announcement is communicated per above, assume normal campus operations remain in effect.

Resumption of campus operations

When a decision is made to resume campus operations, it will be communicated via:

- * the voice mail greeting of the campus Switchboard and the Information Center (see phone numbers above), and
- * at Purdue Calumet's web site: www.calumet.purdue.edu

Typically, radio and TV stations do not announce resumption of operations.

At a glance

around campus

Writing lab announces Spring hours

The Writing Tutorial Lab will resume regular hours for tutoring and orientations on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Recycle household batteries

Lake Michigan District Recycling Program has donated two recycling bins for household batteries. One bin is located in the atrium at the southeast entrance of Gyte. Please bring in your old household batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, and 9V) for recycling.

International Media Center now open Sundays

The IMC is now open Sundays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in addition to its previous hours of Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to noon. The center is located in CLO-112.

Chronicle seeks new staff members

The PUC student newspaper is seeking new staff members for the spring semester.

Students interested in writing, advertising sales or graphic design are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Applications are available in SFLC-344H. For more information, contact Lauren or Marti at 989-2547.

Biology club essay contest

Any PUC biology major can win gift certificates to the PUC bookstore by writing an essay of 500 words or less about what made them major in biology and what job would be perfect after graduation. Essays must be submitted between Jan. 19 and Jan. 22 to Debbie Grant in G-249.

Criminal Justice club seeks new staff members

Anyone interested in learning about criminal justice issues, attending a mock trial or touring a prison can join by contacting James Ghrist at 793-8258 or Maria Navarro 791-6982.

Learn Spanish in Spain

The department of foreign languages and literatures is taking applications for the study abroad program in Universidad de Extremadura en Caceres, Spain. Contact the foreign language department in CLO-313 for more information.

Spring undergraduate research proposal deadline

The deadline for undergraduate students to submit research proposals for funding to the Undergraduate Research Program is now Friday, Jan. 22. Applications are available from the URP office in SFLC-325.

Open registration begins

Open registration for spring semester classes is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, Jan. 11-14. Classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Current students who wish to register should contact their advisors to schedule classes.

Minority teacher scholarships available

African American or Hispanic students, individuals pursuing a special education teaching or occupational or physical training certification, and Indiana residents attending an eligible college may apply for a minority teacher scholarship or special education services scholarship.

Candidates must teach in an Indiana school for three out of five years following graduation, or practice in the fields of occupational or physical therapy in an accredited Indiana school, vocational rehabilitation center, community mental retardation or other developmental disabilities centers for three out of five years following graduation.

Applications are available at school financial aid offices. They also may be obtained by writing to the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana at 150 W. Market St., 5th Floor, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Applicants also may call (317) 232-2350.

Nursing scholarship available

Nursing students who are Indiana residents, attend college at least part-time as a nursing student and demonstrate financial need are eligible to apply for a nursing scholarship.

Applicants must agree to work as a nurse in an Indiana health care setting for at least two years following graduation. Applications are available at university financial aid offices.

Prospective applicants also may write to the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana at 150 W. Market Street, 5th Floor, Indianapolis, IN 46204. They also may call (317) 232-2350 for an application.

Quote of the week

'... and if you're so clever why are you on your own tonight?'

-Morrissey
"I Know it's Over"

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Stress increases in college students

COLLEGE PRESS EXCHANGE

"Warning: Attending college can cause headaches, nausea, sleeplessness, irritability and eating disorders."

You are not likely to see that kind of label on those glossy college brochures that feature photos of perfect lawns, impressive stone buildings and happy students.

But all those maladies are symptoms of stress, and all, according to campus officials and counselors, are being found in increasing numbers of students.

In the last decade, they say, more students have arrived at college barely able to cope when the pressure builds.

"We are seeing today's college student having the problems that you might expect a 40-year-old executive to have, from stomach disorders to headaches," said Fred Newton, director of counseling services at Kansas State University and author of a recent article in On Campus magazine titled "The Stressed Student - How Can We Help?"

Experts point to numerous reasons why this generation seems more stressed than in the past, including the breakdown of the traditional family.

Students increasingly come out of broken homes or from homes where parents were so busy and stressed themselves that they had no time to talk out their children's

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problems, they say.

In addition, students raised on television and video games, instead of books, can come unprepared for the heavy load of reading and writing that mark college studies.

They also say many of today's college students have gotten used to having all their activities planned by adults - from Tuesday soccer practice to Thursday piano lessons to weekend trips - and find themselves unable to deal with long blocks of unscheduled time that are features of university life.

That also has a flip side: students who take on so many activities that 24 hours in a day aren't enough.

Throw in the financial pressures that force students to hold down jobs during the school year, the competitive academic environment, and the worry that the job market is changing too rapidly for students to keep up academically, and the brew can be poisonous.

Nursing students donate toys



Photo provided by University Relations

Nursing Resource Center Coordinator Carol Magnolia, sponsor of the university's sophomore class nursing students, and Kathie Kronland, class president, show off the toys collected for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots drive. The toys were collected by the first year nursing students as a community service project.

Plagiarism

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rism this year, compared with 10 in 1997 and seven in 1996. Four involved Internet sources in 1996, one in 1997 and three so far this year.

But those numbers significantly understate the size of the problem, because most cases of plagiarism are handled by faculty or deans without going through formal disciplinary action, said Ernest Morris, UW vice president for student affairs.

Fred DeKay, associate dean of the Albers School of Business and Economics at Seattle University, said plagiarism is fairly rare there, but the use of the Internet is more common when plagiarism does happen. One case last year involved a student who lifted articles from the Internet and claimed them as his own - in a class on business ethics.

Cheating may be easier because of the computer, but so is getting caught.

For starters, most library catalogs are electronic and many materials are

online, so faculty members don't have to spend hours looking through paper indexes for documents that may have been lifted without attribution.

Kevin Laverty, an assistant professor of business at UW-Bothell, routinely goes to the Web and to indexes like Lexis-Nexis to look for the sources of suspicious papers.

Much of the plagiarized text, he said, is written in journalistic style because it comes from periodicals. This makes it that much easier to spot.

"If I can find the article in 15 minutes ... that's how much effort they are putting into it," Laverty said.

Faculty members share tips on how to spot plagiarism through seminars, E-mail, discussion lists and library Web sites. Some even post lists of places that distribute free papers on the Web, to help colleagues check suspect papers.

Smelling a profit, software companies and faculty members have written programs to spot plagiarism. Glatt Plagiarism Services, a compa-

ny based in Chicago, sells a program that takes out strategic words in essays, then tests writers by asking them to fill in the blanks. Students who plagiarized will get a low score on the test, according to Barbara Glatt, owner of the company.

Some Internet sites even use electronic coding to mark their documents and pictures.

"You may vary the spacing between words (in a document) just by tiny amounts. You can encode a one or a zero," said Hector Garcia-Molina, a professor of computer science at Stanford University. "A human cannot see it."

But faculty members with experience say all it takes to spot a fake paper is attention and a little common sense. Robert Harris, an English professor at Southern California College in Costa Mesa, often looks for language or skills on a paper that don't match the performance of a student in class. If he suspects plagiarism, he often will ask the student to read segments aloud. Few students use words they can't pronounce, he said, so if they stumble, it's a sign to check the paper further.

Hurricane

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future," Tobin said. "People don't realize if everyone helped out a little bit it would effect a lot."

A lot was accomplished through church organizations, missionaries at work, other universities such as West Lafayette, and towns such as Merrillville, Schererville, and St. John, according to Tobin. PUC's Athletic Letter Club helped out, and Riley Child Center donated a lot of baby items.

Student Government was instrumental in taking care of collecting and boxing items. "We provided a lot of manpower just to help keep getting things boxed and shipped," Amy Croston, president, said.

The Honduran Consulate began the operation, Tobin said. There are many consulates in Chicago and they combined their effort and now there is a Hurricane Relief Effort, where they have rented a building. From there they are shipping all the donations to Miami, and then to the victims.

Hurricane Mitch swept over Honduras, Belize, Nicaragua, and Guatemala. Honduras was hit the hardest. The hurricane hit at the end of October, and destroyed Central America causing mud slides, floods, and damaging all the roads and bridges. Approximately 11,000 people were killed, not including the many people who are still missing, Tobin said.

Editing

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Many students on campus have asked why there is not an option for a journalism major at PUC.

Robinson said that was decided long before PUC was developed. In the early 1940s, Purdue University and Indiana University set up regional colleges across the state. They agreed that certain areas of study would be characteristic of each school in order to stop the possibility of overlapping degree options and competition.

This means that students who want serious study in music or medicine attend Indiana University and those interested in engineering or pharmacy attend Purdue University.

Therefore journalism, which is offered as a major at Indiana University, will stay with that university. Robinson also said that even though students cannot obtain an official degree in journalism at PUC, they still have the option through the communication department and direct fieldwork to gain direct experience that is just as valuable as a degree.

This is not the only course that is new to the communications department this spring. A speech writing class is being offered for the first time. Robinson announced that performance studies will be a regularly offered course and students can also be watching for a course in digital editing for video.

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An active campus is a strong university

Several university offices, student organizations and professors came together recently to collect donations for the victims of Hurricane Mitch. For several reasons, we at the Chronicle applaud this act of community service. When people fall victim to destructive events, those that have the resources to help, should. By gathering food, clothing and money for the suffering, we are not only empowering ourselves to be more generous in our everyday lives, we are empowering those that have suffered a great loss to fight, move forward and overcome their tragedies.

It is also refreshing to see several different offices and organizations, as well as professors become involved in one common goal. Although they reach for different goals in their individual offices and lives, coming together and forming one union represents PUC in a positive light and aids those in need. Such unions strengthen us as individuals, as organizations and as a university.

These individuals acts of generosity prove that not only should we help those outside of our own university, but that we should strive to improve our local communities through involvement. The people involved in the Hurricane Relief showed how those working toward one common goal grow together. If we were to do this in our everyday lives, in our own communities, our towns and cities would all be better places.

One more step for a stronger university

To continue its goal as an academic institution, PUC has continued to add classes to its roster in recent semesters. When new classes are added, it is exciting for students who are serious about their educational expansion, and makes the university more attractive to new students, as well as current ones.

Expansion of the course offerings adds new dimension to the university, it can bring more students into a particular field, as well as open many new doors to students needing to fill electives. PUC has added new theater, language, biology and journalism classes in recent semesters to name a few.

It is also a necessity to add new courses to keep up in the competitive field that education has become, and fulfill the educational wants of every student. For example, News Editing, a new communications class offered this semester, will give students extra training in journalism. This may encourage students who are considering attending journalism schools to give Purdue Calumet a chance. Likewise, more language classes have been added to PUC's schedule of classes. This encourages students who are interested in liberal arts to enroll at Purdue Calumet.

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REAL PANIC SETS IN FOR THE FIRST TIME



Different Dole stands out as 2000 contender

U-WIRE

Why has the United States never had a female president? Although many Americans believe having a woman serve in the nation's highest office would benefit our country, no woman has been elected because neither party has fielded a serious, well-qualified candidate. However, in the 2000 election, things might change. Political pundits have been touting Elizabeth Dole as a possible candidate for the Republican nomination. Speculation increased when Dole stepped down from her position as the head of the American Red Cross, ostensibly to explore the feasibility of her candidacy.

Dole is being encouraged to run most publicly by her husband, former Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole. Even without her husband's endorsement, Dole's record qualifies her as presidential timber. A graduate of Harvard University Law School, she built her in Washington, D. C. by serving international law in the cabinets of recent Republican presidents. Moreover, Dole has shown herself an able communicator, most memorably in a speech supporting her husband at the 1996 Republican convention. Many Republicans would like to see Dole run, believing her candidacy would unify the party for the difficult battle it will face against the probable Democratic nominee, Vice President Al Gore. In recent elections the Republican party has suffered a significant gender gap among women voters. Presumably, Dole would motivate more women to vote Republican. In addition, Dole is not associated with the unpopular Republicans in Congress. As a result, she will be perceived as a Washington, D. C. outsider, something that has proven popular in recent elections.

Should Dole enter the race for the Republican presidential nomination, our nation would take a positive step forward in its effort to elect its first female president. However, in order for her candidacy to be effective Dole must bring concrete ideas to her campaign, not merely the prodding of her husband and other Republican backers. Dole must establish an identity apart from her husband in order to be successful. Only by presenting her own message to the public will she accomplish this.

Elizabeth Dole could become a formidable candidate for the Republican nomination in the coming year not because she is female, but because she has the opportunity to give a fresh interpretation of Republican ideals. Potentially she could be a candidate with appeal political boundaries. Her success will be based upon her strength in fulfilling those criteria Americans have typically looked for in their president. She will not be running as a woman; she will be running as a qualified candidate with new ideas.

The people speak

Question of the Week: How did you fare through the blizzard of 1999?

by **Amarachi Igboegwu**
Features Editor

"I stayed at home all day and watched old soccer matches from France '98."



Diana Auzenne
Undecided, freshman

"During the blizzard of '99, I enjoyed spending time with my family at home, just relaxing and other things. I learned how to bake an apple pie and I played with my little brother Daniel in the snow."



Steve Rody
Engineering, graduate student

"I spent the New Year's weekend at my parents' home. We remained at home most of the time except when we ventured out for a brief period of time. We removed what seemed like a great deal of snow and ice to move our cars. Our time was spent reading, watching TV, and listening to the weather reports."



Lorraine Kasarda
Biology/Pre-medicine, sophomore



John Helmuth
Civil Engineering/Construction Engineering, senior

"I felt very cold, alone, bored and abandoned."



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- * Track your activity on a Weekly Journal and 90 day log.
- * Report your progress at 30, 60, and 90 days

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For maximum fat burning you should walk as long and as fast as you can each time you go for your walk. That doesn't mean you'll walk 10 minutes today, 11 minutes tomorrow, and 12 minutes the next. It simply means that each day you'll walk as long and as fast as you can comfortably walk, regardless of what you did yesterday.

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- * Walk every day
- * Track your activity
- * Report progress at 30, 60, and at 90 days
- * Earn incentives
- * Win prizes!

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I am committed to helping

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To get started in the Walk This Weigh program, complete the registration form and return it today. I will give you everything you need to start walking your way to better health and fitness. Registration deadline is Jan. 13. Call the Wellness Center in PER 130 at 989-2709.

Facing the Blizzard of 1999

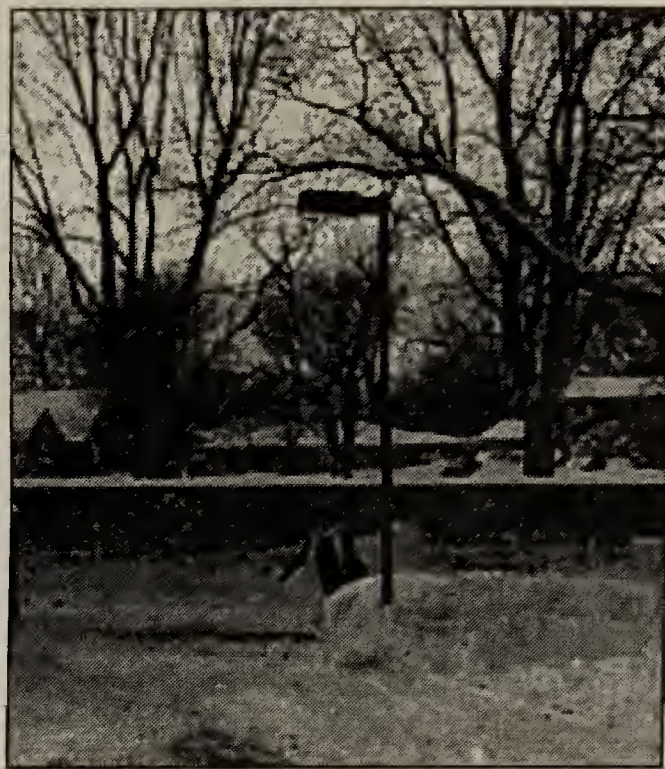


Photo by Lauren Mathews

A Purdue student braves the snow and cold weather while walking on campus. The New Year's blizzard that bombarded the area was considered the worst most have seen in thirty years.

Experts offer advice on booming cost of college

RALPH VIGODA
College Press Exchange

Beaming parents are barely home from the hospital with their newborns before they are forced to face perhaps the most vexing question in child-raising today: How are we going to pay for college?

Babies born today are potential members of the college class of 2020. Right now, the average cost - tuition, room and board - at a four-year private school is \$19,213 per year, according to the College Board in New York.

But most Ivy League schools and those that are comparable cost more than \$30,000. The College Board says the average annual cost for a four-year public school is \$7,472.

Penn State, though, is between \$10,600 and \$11,000, depending on year and major.

If you look back at how rapidly college costs have risen in the past decade - 5 percent to 6 percent annually - and project ahead to 2016, when today's newborns will likely become college freshmen, it is not hard to conclude that four years of college could cost \$75,000 for a public university to \$250,000 for a top-notch private school.

And yet, according to a 1997 poll conducted for the Student Loan Marketing Association (Sallie Mae), which is part of the nation's largest provider of student loans, just about 18 percent of families start saving for college before their child begins high school.

Most parents, the survey showed, save about 25 percent of college costs, while two out of 10 families - 20 percent - don't save at all for school.

"Many parents come into this with the attitude that government and schools will pay for everything," said Mark Kantrowitz, a Pittsburgh author and financial-aid expert who publishes a Web site at <http://www.finaid.org> that is filled with charts, calculators and other information about paying for college.

"That just doesn't happen. The federal government has stated that it expects the family to be primarily responsible for a child's education, and will step in only when a family can't afford it."

Time, said Kantrowitz and other college finance counselors, is a family's greatest asset. Saving just \$25 a week from birth to age 17 at 5 percent interest will yield about \$34,800, a decent chunk of money.

Even just \$10 a week at that rate would grow to nearly \$14,000 - although in 17 years that may barely cover books and late-night pizzas.

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"The most important thing is to start saving as soon as possible," said William Shevlin, who specializes in college financial planning at New Century Financial Group in Princeton. The earlier a family starts saving, Shevlin said, the more risks it can take with its money. "When a child's much younger, be more aggressive," he said. "Then, when he gets closer to college age, you want to think about repositioning your money, perhaps putting it into something more stable, like an intermediate-term bond fund or a prime-rate fund. They're interest-earning, but not necessarily subject to too many wild swings."

Financial aid is an extremely complicated process, said Kantrowitz. It's got its own language. It's very intimidating," he said.

Students' lack of social outlets concerns W&M

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College Press Exchange

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. - It's Friday night at the College of William and Mary, and there's nothing to do. The coffee bar closes at 10, the delis won't let anyone under 21 in, and the fraternities have guest lists.

What's a college student to do? Rent a video, buy a six-pack and get wasted.

Chris Mercer, 20, a sophomore at W&M, said he has seen fellow students take this route often because they don't want to look for a non-alcoholic activity. It bothers him.

"They're bored," he said. "They drink to get drunk because they're bored. It's pathetic."

Social life on a campus, or the lack of it, has a significant impact on student drinking, said William DeJong, chairman of the national Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention. "This is not like a toddler saying, 'There's nothing to do,'" he said. "This is a problem."

Rhian Horgan, W&M student assembly president, said there's plenty to do at the college. The problem is the activities change and students don't want to have to plan ahead and check their calendars to figure out what to do on the weekend, she said. They want a place that's predictable, like a deli or fraternity.

"I wouldn't go so far to say that there is nothing to do on campus," she said. "Every weekend there is something to do in the University Center."

It's not that the campus' social options were ever that strong to begin with; it's that recent

changes have hit the few choices available. The main social outlets - fraternity parties - are now restricted by stricter enforcement of campus rules.

Students must be on a guest list submitted to the administration in advance to get into a party. Two nearby delis popular among college students have also closed to students under 21 after 10 p.m.

Student drinking for entertainment is a problem not just for William and Mary but for colleges across the country. University leaders said politicians are demanding that they stop drinking, but that's unrealistic.

"There's a lot of pressure to put this on the university's back to solve," said Dave Nutter, public relations spokesman for Virginia Tech. "But it's not enough to say universities should pass laws and stop this."

He and others said parents and students must help, because the problem begins before college.

"There's this ongoing dialogue at the College of William and Mary that there's nothing to do. Well, I just don't buy that," said Tom Goodale, a nationally recognized expert on college drinking issues and a visiting associate professor at W&M.

"That's a very popular excuse. I think it's a matter of leadership on the part of students, instead of being passive, sucking on a beer and watching

TV. I mean, come on."

W&M's Student Assembly has asked for more weekend activities and a new student center that includes a dance hall, coffee shop, sports bar and bowling alley. Students also want more bus service to off-campus places such as pool halls.

College President Timothy Sullivan has started work to expand bus service and add activities, but he said the school can't afford to build a new student center right now.

DeJong said if college officials don't have the money, "then they need to raise it." But that would mean another hit on students, college leaders

said.

The university doesn't have an estimate of what a new center would cost; but regardless of the amount, it would probably mean another fee.

Campuses aren't allowed to spend educational dollars from the state on non-educational activities. Sam Sadler, W&M vice president for student affairs, said the campus will experiment with several new activities next semester, including holding the University Center open until 2 a.m.

It wants to test the demand, he said, "We are social animals," Sadler said. "When activities shut down at 12, the students are just warming up. They're looking for something to do."

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College of William and
Mary Vice President



Ani DiFranco's Albums

"Ani DiFranco"-1990
 "Not So Soft"-1991
 "Imperfectly"-1992
 "Puddle Dive"-1993
 "Like I Said"-1993
 "Out of Range"-1994
 "Not A Pretty Girl"-1995
 "Dilate"-1996
 "The Past Didn't Go Anywhere" with Utah Phillips-1996
 "More Joy, Less Shame"-1996
 "Living in Clip" double live CD-1997
 "Little Plastic Castle"-1998
 "up up up up up up"-1999

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Ani DiFranco's boots keep getting bigger, her voice stronger and her points remain just as sharp

LAUREN MATHEWS
 Editor-in-Chief

Fans can have nothing but pure respect and admiration for a female artist who continuously makes you dance, stomp, pound your fists against the walls and scream every time she makes an album, all with her guitar and the power of her favorite tool-words.

Ani's (pronounced AH-nee, not Annie) new album "Up up up up up up" is the thirteenth album since 1990 when she started her own label, Righteous Babe Records, in her hometown of Buffalo, NY. Her strong-willed convictions to stay out of corporate America, and be "commander-in-chief of her one woman army" have been bursting through her music since her first album, and she continues to deliver it now.

Rumor has it that some people think she has abandoned her raw-edged, 'boot-stomping' politics for love. I will be the first to assure everyone, that this is not the case. So a girl gets married, and it just happens to be a guy that she fell in love with this time, enough to marry, and suddenly everyone thinks she's putting her guitar in a chastity belt and making pancakes all day. Big fucking deal, she married a man, she never said she falls in love with a person because they are a certain sex, and she also never said that she was deserting all her moral and political convictions, or her music. Art, along with the rest of life, is an ever changing beast, and Ani has evolved by generations in her music. She's talented enough to encase her messages in either a single bloody guitar solo, or wrapped in the subtle entanglement of full orchestral-accompaniment. In "up up up," Ani continues to damn the police (and the rest of the nation) for dragging those that look different and don't have money off the streets of America's Mayberry. She also adds a banjo to let everyone know that she's "Not Angry Anymore."

She wails about an addicted woman in "Jukebox," then goes straight into a satirical little ditty about the joys of men who think they can shake the very foundation of women's lives just because they have a penis in "Angel Food." "Are you gonna glow in the dark? Are you gonna show me how? when you come to me/ with cake in your pocket /come to me nicely/ with that soft kinda cake/ that's mostly icing/ come to me ready and rude."

Ani hasn't gone soft, she's just making her audience think about her messages, and she does it better every time. Call it mind rock. She is also getting better at making musical arrangements, not just jamming with crazy guitars. And she does that in the traditional DiFranco way, by grabbing whatever happens to be lying nearby, and making it an instrument to create a sound all her own. Ani is evolving into a band, not just a 'chick and her guitar.' As a matter of fact, she is so kick-ass, that she cut "Hat Shaped Hat" from a 3 hour jam into a 13 minute song. Let the creative muse dance, baby. "We're gonna close the shutters and play 'til the paper comes."

"up up up up up up" will be released Tuesday, Jan. 19.



Horoscopes for the week of January 11

Aries (March 21-April 19). The sun's transit through Capricorn usually brings career opportunities; you'll start to see them on Monday and Tuesday. Don't worry, you won't have to find them all by yourself. Looks like your friends are going to be pointing them out to you. The best way to get a job is through a friend, as you may already know.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). There will be a test on Monday and Tuesday, but don't worry about a thing. You'll ace it. You're very strong right now and getting stronger. That's because the sun is coming into Capricorn, and that certainly casts a glorious glow on you. Capricorn is in your solar ninth house of travel and mind expansion. In other words, you'll be learning and growing and becoming even more marvelous the whole time the sun is in Capricorn. It always happens like that this time of year.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). The sun's going into Capricorn Monday, making you more interested in financial matters.



Specifically, money you share with other people. That includes money you borrow from them, as in credit cards. Monday and Tuesday, you'll most want to spend on travel or education. Study aids are the better option. If you're going to travel, find somebody to share expenses with you. That would also

work. Looks like you have finals or some other sort of test from Wednesday through Friday. You'll have to think fast to succeed, but that's OK. Thinking fast is one of your specialties.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). You may feel a little pinched for funds on Monday and Tuesday, but you're not in this game all by yourself. You've got others who'd be willing to play with you, and one in particular could be your partner. By Monday night, you should have that person on board, if you're going to be effective. Analyze your scheme on Tuesday so you can take on a new challenge Wednesday.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Your workload is going to increase as the sun goes into Capricorn on Monday, and the change should be noticeable Tuesday. A partner's help is also crucial on those days. Don't even try to do everything by yourself. Decide who's going to do what on Tuesday, and how



you're going to pay for it on Wednesday. If everybody chips in just a little bit, Thursday and Friday will be magnificent without causing hardship for anyone. You'll have more abundance the more people show up.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Monday and Tuesday are very busy. Problems will come up that demand your attention. You'll have to fill out paperwork and meet

demanding people's expectations. Besides all that, you'll have to do it cheerfully, promptly, accurately and with a smile on your face. Is this too much to ask? If there's anybody on the planet who can carry out this task, it's you. You'll have to race to keep up, but by Wednesday, the coast will be clear.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It will look like you're getting smarter as the sun goes into Capricorn on Monday. Actually, you're just able to learn more quickly during the next few weeks. That should be pretty noticeable by Tuesday. Both days are good for making decisions concerning



home and family, or for moving things around at your place. You've probably already figured out what you want to have done by now, so put the changes into effect, quickly. You'll be so much in love from Wednesday through Friday it'll be hard to think of anything else.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're interested in everything Monday and Tuesday, and that's very important. There's a problem you're facing, and it looks like you've just about given up on it. Don't. You could find the solution then. This may require a trip to the library, but that's OK. They'd love to see you again. Make your decision and take action on Tuesday.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The sun's going into your sign on Monday, which should be invigorating. Use newfound powers to increase your income then and on Tuesday.



From Wednesday through Friday, you're in a learning phase. Hide out and study. Your friends are more important than your realize. Treat them well.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're very strong on Monday and Tuesday and that's good, because you're about to face a few more difficulties. The sun's transit into Capricorn puts pressure on you to finish old projects. You may also find out why you quit on them in the first place. If you come up against something that makes you nervous, don't run away from it. Turn and face it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Monday and Tuesday are a mixed bag for you. The sun's entry into Capricorn brings the team into your picture. The project you've assigned yourself may be too difficult to do by yourself anyway, so go ahead and let other people help, and you help in return. The synergy will make the whole job easier, and more fun. Tuesday and Wednesday, take care of technical difficulties.



The *Best* and *Worst* of Christmas Break

With all the snow over Christmas break, what was there to do but watch films? What follows are reviews of some of the most popular movies from the last two weeks. They're the films that our staff members loved – or hated.

“Patch Adams”

Robin Williams plays Patch, a man who has committed himself to a mental institution because of a deep depression. But during his stay, he realizes the source of his sadness: he hasn't helped other people in his life. He checks himself out of the hospital to enroll in medical school. So you want to help other people to overcome your own depression. Great. Volunteer somewhere. Visit a nursing home. Shovel your neighbor's snow. But become a doctor?

Sure, people become doctors to help. But since when does a crazy goofball get into medical school?

Patch gets the highest grades in his class and befriends the class brain and beauty (Monica Potter). No one ever sees this guy study, so it's amazing that he has the best grades. And it's also less than believable that this gorgeous girl is interested in a 40-something ex-mental patient.

Anyhow, Patch gets in trouble with the school. First, it's because he's visiting patients during his first year of medical school, when med students aren't allowed to see patients before their third year. That's against the rules, plain and simple. But Patch goes into their rooms and actually uses some kind of red enema balloon as a clown nose. This guy needs to work for Ringling Brothers, not a hospital.

Then Patch and his happy-go-lucky medical school friends open their own clinic. There's this rule in America that one can't practice medicine without a license – Patch doesn't exactly get that. So of course, the school dean gets angry about Patch's clinic for the poor. Somehow Patch doesn't seem to realize that if one of the patients he were treating at that clinic were to drop dead, he'd have a hell of a lawsuit on his hands.

The movie does have a surprise towards the end, but it's a rather depressing one. It's like a slap in the face, because in the midst of all this happiness and goodwill, one doesn't expect this rush of darkness. But of course, even though a major crisis has occurred, Patch regains his strength, gets all happy again, and goes on with his life, even though he's ruined someone else's in the process of his helping and caring stage.

If you're blindly blissful and optimistic, go ahead and see this farce. But if you've a shred of sarcasm in you, skip it.



“Stepmom”

Julia Roberts stars as Isabel, a fashion photographer who falls in love with a divorced man, Luke (Ed Harris.) Problem is, he has two children who hate her. She struggles to befriend the children, and also tries to deal with their mother, Jackie (Susan Sarandon), who is jealous of Isabel. When one of the children says that Isabel is pretty, Jackie says, “Sure, if you like big teeth.” This type of bickering occurs all through the movie, until a situation involving Jackie teaches them all the real meaning of life. The film is indicative of real life, and what many people go through in today's world when becoming part of a new family.

It's an excellent film for step moms and step children to see, to examine what changes their lives go through when they try to build a family from scratch. But even if you haven't lived one of those roles, the film still teaches the audience to appreciate life. I'd recommend this film to anyone who enjoys a good drama. The funny scenes are altogether enjoyable, but there's a deeper sense of meaning in this film that's not to be missed.



“The Prince of Egypt”

And you thought you had seen it all. Well, folks, sit back and relax because animated movies are not going away. Movie companies will make them even if it means distorting the stories a wee bit, just to make it more appealing or less offensive. “The Prince of Egypt” is a DreamWorks film that opened during the holiday. The movie is an animation of one of the oldest and most inspirational stories in the bible. At some point in our lives, we have come across the great story of Moses and how he freed the Hebrew slaves by crossing the great sea with his staff. I can remember the movie “The Ten Commandments” with Charlton Heston and Yul Brenner. Knowing just how overwhelming “The Ten Commandments” was, I figured it would be a treat to see the story of Moses in animation.

Well, I guess I shouldn't have had the idea that it would be another extraordinary picture like the Disney films “The Lion King” or “Beauty and the Beast” because I left the theater feeling that I could have been given a little bit more for my money. The major problem I had with this animated movie was its content. It had to be the weakest I had seen since Disney's lame animation sequels like “Aladdin: King of Thieves” or Beauty and the Beast's “Belle's Magical Christmas.”

First, some of the characters in “Prince of Egypt” were really weak. My particular problem was Val Kilmer's role as God. I felt Kilmer failed to give the aura one would expect or would like to see knowing that it is The Almighty speaking. Now, that would have been a perfect role for James Earl Jones with his spectacular role in “The Lion King” as the voice of Mufasa. I have no idea why Val Kilmer was given that role. I guess that was just another goof. Although the scene with the Nile turning to blood was pure animation genius, I didn't like this movie. More could have been done with this story.



See it
“Stepmom”
“Elizabeth”

Skip it
“Patch Adams”
“Prince of Egypt”

“Elizabeth”

Everyone should definitely pick this one up as soon as it comes out on video.

Cate Blanchett portrays England's Queen Elizabeth I with all the dignity and strength that the most powerful Queen of England must have had. With hair of fire and stark white skin, she sits solely on her throne, with no heir, no husband, and a Protestant in a Catholic country. With all the Elizabethan drama and flare that you could possibly ask for, she avoids arrows to her skull, poisoned dresses and lifelong friends and lovers betraying her at each turn.

She reigned with determination for more than 40 years, and people learned to love her, while her enemies feared her.

“Elizabeth” begins with the death of her Catholic step sister Queen Mary, and her fight to succession of the throne and follows Elizabeth through until she is screaming amidst her entire court “I am no man's Elizabeth. I will have only one mistress here, and no master.” It is a tale of feminism, courtly love and conspiracy, power and most of all, religion in the castle

Constant work ethic pays off for Harper

J.B. LYLES
Sports Editor

Senior Rita Harper has pride in herself and in her talents as a basketball player.

However, when it comes down to it, team goals are more important than her individual goals. "The goals for the team are to make it to nationals in Jackson, Tenn. in March and have our younger players step up when we need them."

Her head coach of the last three years, Gary Hayes, agrees. "I have been coaching for over thirty years through high school as well as col-

lege, and I have never seen such an athlete and a person like Rita Harper. She sets examples that people follow, she is a true student athletically and academically. Rita breeds success."

Harper knows why she is so successful. "As an individual, you must have pride in yourself. You must respect yourself as a person and show dignity."

PER building manager and coordinator of student workers in the Recreation department Bill Crowley praises Harper. "She's the type of person who would go out of her way to make sure everything's



Rita Harper

Sport: Basketball

Major: Political Science

Year: Senior

Position: Center (team tri-captain)

done right. She is talented, intelligent and has good work effort."

Junior forward player Jennifer Cain said Harper helps everybody on the team. "She has made a big impact on the team. She is a good role model for people to look at"

Former Lady Laker and PUC

graduate Tabitha Beaumont played with Harper for two seasons. "We know that with Rita on the team you can count on her to do her part and make everybody else's job easier."

Harper is having a good season, after undergoing knee surgery last

summer. "She has worked very hard to recover from surgery," said Coach Hayes.

"Rita is on the most balanced team since her first year. Two years ago, she led in scoring and rebounding with an inexperienced team. Last year, she led the team in scoring and was second in rebounds behind Jennifer Cain."

Harper is a political science major. She graduated from West Side High in Gary in 1994. She went to Illinois State University and played in the 1995-96 season before transferring to PUC. Her goal is to be a federal agent.

Lady Lakers defeat Kendall College

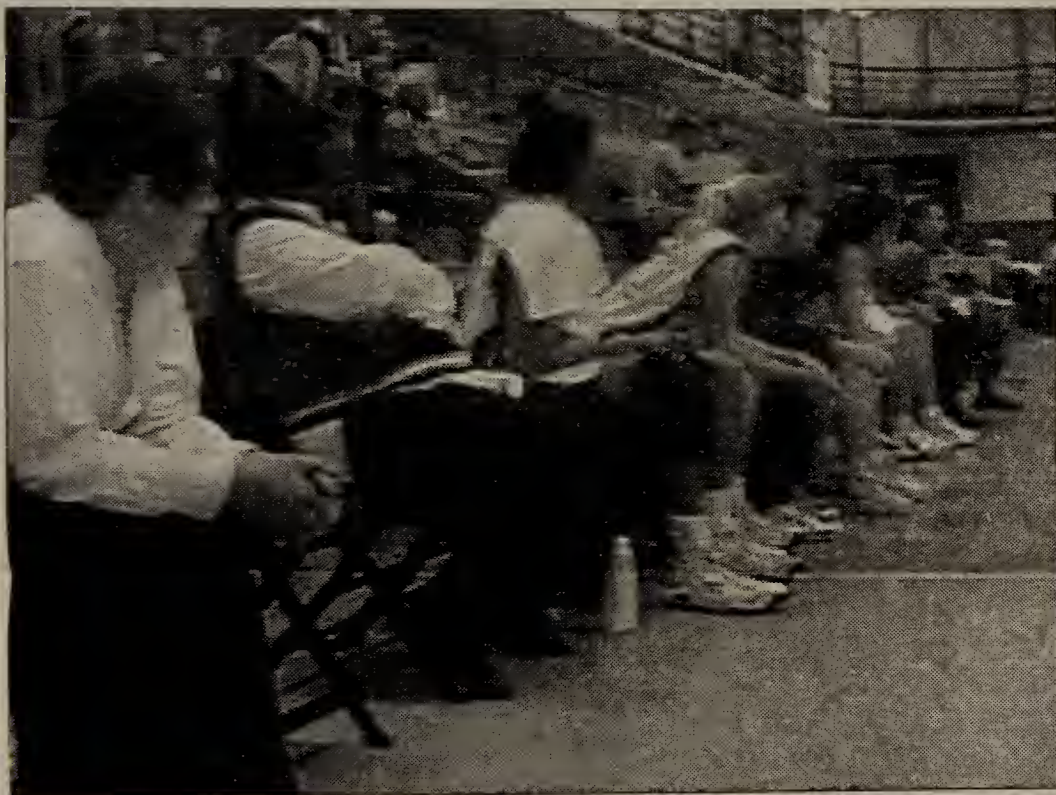


Photo by Kim Kintz

During last Thursday's game against Kendall College, the Lady Lakers watch as their team takes the ball. PUC won the game with a score of 54-44 making this their 21st consecutive home win in the last two years.

Michigan scores 82-70 upset over Indiana

Wolverines raise banner before game to honor last season's Big Ten tournament Championship

COLLEGE PRESS EXCHANGE

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - Bob Knight glowered, stomped and shouted in typical fashion, but no matter. Michigan owned the best act this night.

Amid a season of struggles, the Wolverines found big reason to celebrate Tuesday at Crisler Arena - first with the old, then with the new. They raised a banner just before tip-off to honor last season's Big Ten tournament championship, then raised fury for the next two hours against Knight's 13th-ranked Indiana Hoosiers, running away with an 82-70 upset.

They did it with balance, and with hustle, and with something the team has sought much of the season: more aggressive play from the big guys inside.

"We just absolutely said to ourselves that we weren't going to lose," said senior guard Louis Bullock, who led U-M with 20 points.

He and guard Robbie Reid, with 15 points, combined for nine

three-pointers. Sophomore forward Josh Asselin, an unexpected star, burst forth with 16 points and 10 rebounds, both career highs. Forward Brandon Smith, also a sophomore, had 11 points and seven rebounds.

Asselin said the big players accepted a challenge from teammates and coach Brian Ellerbe to be more assertive, to ease pressure on Bullock and Reid.

"I think it was a very big game for us," Asselin said.

Knight, in reviewing the game, acted (once again) as if he'd just heard the dumbest question in his life when asked whether Asselin's performance surprised him.

"Why?" Knight said. "Was the kid recruited to play here in the Big Ten? Well, ... damn it, he ought to be able to play."

Guard Luke Recker led Indiana

(14-4, 1-2 Big Ten) with 28 points, and Kirk Haston added 11. The Hoosiers outrebounded Michigan, 43-36, but had trouble getting easy baskets against the tenacious Wolverines.

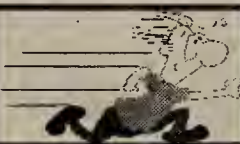
Michigan (8-8, 2-1) showed from the outset it was determined to play hard. The Wolverines made quick steals in the opening minutes and grappled for the lead throughout the first half.

Indiana appeared to be gaining momentum as the half wound down. But in the final seconds, Recker fouled Leon Jones on a three-point attempt from the corner. Jones missed the shot but hit three free throws and narrowed Indiana's lead to 41-38 at the half. It was a momentum killer. "They just buried us," Knight said of the moment.

In the second half, as Michigan inched into a lead, Bullock came through as he has other times this season. He nailed three 3-pointers in a row as U-M surged to a 13-point lead, 60-47.

"Well, ... damn it, he ought to be able to play."

Bobby Knight
IU head coach



Fast Break

A brief look at PUC sports

LADY LAKERS CAGE LADY EAGLES

The PUC Lady Lakers (12-4) defeated the Robert Morris College Lady Eagles 75-56. Robert Morris was undermanned and undermanned against Purdue Calumet as junior Renee Boryla (St. John) scored a game high 22 points. Senior Amanda Stutler (Hobart) put 12 points on the board from the bench. Junior Jennifer Cain added on 11 points, nine of those points are from the free point line.

The Lady Lakers were 24-34 from the charity stripe while the Lady Eagles were 10-21 from the foul line.

The Lady Lakers now have a 20 game home streak in the span of two years. The Lady Lakers will start conference play on January 16 in Joliet against the St. Francis Saints.

gym. The meeting starts at noon. All participants must have a facility users' card, which can be obtained in the Satellite Bursar's office in the Physical Education and Recreation (PER) Building. For more information on the intramural league, contact Bill Crowley at 989-2095 or Frank Saculla at 989-2550.

BLIZZARD OF '99 CANCELS ROAD GAMES

The Men's game against Taylor University and the Women's game against St. Ambrose during the weekend blizzard were cancelled and will hopefully be rescheduled at a later date.

This puts the women's team at a disadvantage because this was the last away game before conference play.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL RETURNS FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Purdue Calumet is proud to bring back intramural basketball for 1999. The format consists of 20 teams, limited to eight people, competing on Sundays beginning January 24 with exhibition games. All league games start on Jan. 31.

Rosters will be turned in on Friday, Jan. 22 at the organization meeting in the

LADY LAKERS RANKED THIRD IN DEFENSE

The Lady Lakers are ranked third in the nation in defense in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes (NAIA) statistical rankings. The Lady Lakers also earned eight votes in the national rankings while Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference rival Indiana University at South Bend earned only one vote.



Check it Out

The week ahead for PUC sports

WEDNESDAY-13

Men's Basketball-CCAC Conference Game
At Dominican STARS GT: 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY-16

Women's Basketball-CCAC Conference Game
At St. Francis SAINTS GT: 2 p.m.

Men's Basketball-CCAC Conference Game
vs. IU-South Bend TITANS GT: 3 p.m.